



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2006 – 6:30 pm

City Hall – 5th Floor Large Conference Room

Members Present: Barbara Brown, Jacob Hernandez, Bruno DeBayona, Robert Schwabe, Paul Van Doren, Gurumantra Kharm, Wivory Brandle, Nanci Larsen, Heathr Troxel, Norm Gritton, Marie Leggette, Jay Dyer (late)

Members Excused:

Members Unexcused:

Guests: Taffi Romero, Gerald Smith, Manny Leon, Molly Dougherty, Paul Chavez, John Brandriff

Staff: Bruni Mercado

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting called to order at 6:28 by. Introductions Followed.

2. Approval of Minutes, Dec. 5, 2005

Minutes for 12/5/05 approved unanimously.

3. Concerns from Visiting Neighborhoods

- City is having their 2nd scoping session at Hyatt Elementary (Gurumantra)
- Meeting at Villegas Park re Air Quality (E.R. Carpenter) to see if any damage has been done to the area (Jacob)
- Area 4 concerns - drive-by shootings (death of Ramona High School student) and shooting of an 11 year old (Antioch St.). Norm Gritton suggested that RNP meetings be rotated to different areas like area 4 for more accessibility to problem areas. We need neighborhood watches in these areas.
- Manny Leon introduced himself as new MNO coordinator. Members expressed concerns re MNO not going to their neighborhoods. Manny discussed MNO schedule. Nanci suggested that members attend next MNO meeting to recruit people and provide information at MNO, Wed. 1/25/06 at Rosemary Kennedy Elementary

4. By-Laws Subcommittee Reports

- Report from By-Laws Subcommittee Meeting – Jacob discussed proposed changes to By-Laws. Discussion ensued discussion re number of absences – 5 too many absences, members agreed to 3 absences instead. Office of Neighborhood to send out letter to all members announcing changes to By-Laws and that changes will take effect next scheduled meeting. Members will vote at this meeting (February).

- 2nd motion – Office of Neighborhoods to send out letters to alternates in vacant areas, members of the leadership academy to invite them to please apply for the vacant positions.

5. Neighborhood Organizing Support

Nanci Larsen announced Eva's plans for workshop in Area 3 as item for future agenda items. Office of Neighborhoods to provide info and presentations of members focus on bringing people for their neighborhoods.

6. Future Agenda Items:

- Suggestions on how to measure effectiveness. Gurumantra mentioned that RNP at MNO would be another way to measure effectiveness on attendance and participation of RNP members at MNO.
- Focusing on neighborhood workshops (Neighborhood Organizing Support)
- Brainstorming Session (Flip charts Eva has)
- Inviting your Council member to RNP meeting
- Push information re neighborhood awards (Pride and Jack B. Clarke)
- Come up with Nichols Park meeting agenda (Norm Gritton's concern) Have a plan for meeting to help empower this problem area but make clear what RNP can do for them and not make promises we cannot deliver.

7. Other Business/Public Comment

By-Laws Subcommittee to meet to brainstorm agenda for Nichols Park meeting. Heather, Nanci, Gurumantra, Jay, Norm, Bruno and/or Jacob and Bruni.

8. Next Meeting: February 6, 2006

9. Meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared by Office of Neighborhoods